

a resultant of a pre-established sentiment of benevolence in a community. Now there is no better way of raising such sentiment than through the untiring efforts of our own sex. Although we may not have in our possession the funds of a community, that we oftentimes control them is quite evident. Man's generosity is touched most quickly by the magic wands of woman.

The Y. P. S. C. E. is an excellent means through which much good may be done through this line. An effective way of work, I think, may be brought about by having appointed in each centre of this organization a special committee whose duty it should be to see that the members pledge themselves to a certain amount of work or money annually and then see that it is performed by each. After all it is only through systematic efforts that mission work is successful. We may cast our bread upon the waters promiscuously, but it is more readily gathered if sown systematically. Finally we need to work up in our own minds a deeper impression of the great need of our efforts. The burden of millions of lost souls who are dying without a knowledge of Christ and for whom we are held responsible, should bear more heavily upon us. The barren fig tree was worthy of a curse. The barren church should profit by its lesson. The church members who have no interest in missions, lack one of the substantial elements of religious vitality, for it was this spirit which prompted the redemption of the world through Christ.

May we all with an earnest consideration and prayer enter into this God-given work that finally our crowns may be starred with the jewels of earth.

New Enterprise, Pa.

Our Bible School.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

PSALM XXIII.

"The Shepherd Psalm."

Compare this Psalm with John 10. The Lord—the Shepherd, We—the sheep.

I. Six things my Shepherd does for me:

1. "Maketh me to lie down in pastures of tender grass." Read John 10: 9.
2. "Leadeth me beside the still waters." Read John 14: 27; John 16: 33. Isa. 26: 3. Rev. 7: 17.
3. "Restoreth my soul." Read Ez. 36: 26.
4. Leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."
5. "Prepareth a table before me in spite of jealous enemies." Read Ps. 34: 10.

6. "Anointeth my head with oil" of gladness.

II. Effects of his goodness:

1. "I shall not want." Ps. 37: 25. Jas. 1: 17.
2. "I will fear no evil in the valley of the shadow of death," because my Shepherd will be with me. Read John 14: 3.
3. "Thy rod (the emblem of correction) and thy staff (the emblem of support and help) comfort me." Read John 14: 18.
4. "My cup (of blessing) runs over."
5. "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all of my life." Rom. 8: 28.
6. "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." A good resolve. Memorize the whole Psalm.

SOME GOOD THINGS FROM EPHESIANS.

Our Condition without Christ.—Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, 2: 12. Strangers from the covenant of promise, 2: 12. Having no hope and without God, 2: 12.

Our Position in Christ.—Made nigh in the blood of Christ, 2: 13. Have access in the spirit unto the Father, 2: 18. No longer strangers and foreigners, 2: 19. Fellow-citizens with the saints, 2: 19. Of the household of God, 2: 19. Built upon the foundation of which Christ is the chief corner stone, 2: 20. Framed together for a habitation of God in the spirit, 2: 21, 22.

Things that go with this Position, claim them.—Inward strengthening with power thro the spirit, 3: 16. The indwelling of Christ in the heart by faith, 3: 17. The being rooted and grounded in love, 3: 17. The apprehending of the riches of Christ's love, 3: 19. The being filled unto all the fulness of God, 3: 19.

Our Conduct in view of our Position in Christ.—We should walk worthy of the calling, 4: 1. This walk characterized by lowliness and meekness, 4: 2. Long-suffering and forbearance toward one another, 4: 2. Diligence in seeking for unity and peace, 4: 3. Not in vanity of mind, 4: 17-19. Putting away the former manner of life, 4: 22. Being renewed in the spirit of mind, 4: 23. Putting on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness, 4: 24. Putting away falsehood, 4: 25. Speaking the truth, 4: 25. Shortness of anger, 4: 26. Giving no place to the devil, 4: 26. Quit stealing, 4: 28. Working to be able to give to the needy, 4: 28. Cleanness of speech, 4: 29; 5: 1-6. Speaking to edification, 4: 29. Not grieving the spirit, 4: 30. Putting away bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and railing, 4: 31. Tenderness of heart and forgiveness toward each

other, 4: 32. Imitating God as beloved children, 5: 1. Having no fellowship with the works of darkness, 5: 7-14. No drunkenness with wine, 5: 18. Being filled with the spirit, 5: 18. Thankfulness and gladness of heart, 5: 19, 20. Submitting self to one another, 5: 21. Wives subjecting self to their husbands as unto the Lord, 5: 22-24. Husbands loving their wives as Christ the church, 5: 25-33. Children obeying parents in the Lord, 6: 1-3. Fathers returning their children in the admonition of the Lord, 6: 4. Servants obedient to masters as to Christ, 6: 5-8. Masters forbearing threatening, 6: 9.

The Christian's Warfare.—Not against flesh and blood, 6: 12. Against the wiles of the devil, 6: 11. Against principalities, 6: 12. Against powers, 6: 12. Against world rulers of darkness, 6: 12. Against the spiritual hosts of wickedness, 6: 12.

The Christian's Equipment for the Battle.—The whole armor of God used in the strength of the Lord, 6: 10, 11.

The Armor.—Loins girt with truth, 6: 14. Breast-plate of righteousness, 6: 14. Feet shod with the gospel, 6: 15. The shield of faith to quench the darts of evil, 6: 16. The helmet of salvation, 6: 17. The sword of the spirit, the word of God, 6: 17. All buckled on and doing its work by prayer and supplication and watching, 6: 18.

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SOME PRAYER MEETING DON'TS.

1. Don't pray that prayer you have used for twenty years. It is threadbare.
2. Don't pray some other person's prayer. Use your own.
3. Don't use words and phrases just to fill in, which you have heard somebody else use in their prayers.
4. Don't pray anything just for the sound of it. See Matt. 5: 7.
5. Don't pray until everyone wishes you would quit. Quite likely you do not mean half of it. If you do, you have greater capacity for long prayers than Jesus.
6. Don't give that same testimony that you have given ever since you were converted. It may be true, but it gets monotonous. Tell some new experience, if you ever have any.
7. Don't stretch your face down to funeral length, nor talk in a graveyard tone when you are talking about the joy of the Christian life.
8. Don't preach a regulation-length sermon in a common testimony.
9. Don't forget that there are a great